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FORT BENNING – A 14-year-old boy will be standing in the ranks with the graduating ranger students at the U.S. Army Ranger School graduation here on March 9, courtesy of the Ranger Training Brigade and the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Riley Woina, of Plymouth, Conn., who has been diagnosed with cystic fibrosis, wished to be a "swamp ranger."

As part of his wish, Woina spent several days training with the Ranger students at Camp Darby, Fla., during "swamp phase," their final phase of training prior to graduation and being awarded their ranger tabs.

While there, he observed and airborne operation, negotiated a Zodiac boat on a river operation, crossed a river on a one-rope bridge, went on an orientation flight in a UH-1V helicopter, participated in snake handling and rappelling demonstrations and toured Eglin Air Force Base.

"I wanted to train with the Army Rangers because they are heroes and their motto is to 'leave no one behind,'" Woina said.

An Army News link to this story is available at

<http://www.army.mil/-news/2007/02/23/1957-army-rangers-grant-childs-wish/>

Media wishing to attend the graduation at Fort Benning should contact the Public Affairs Office to coordinate a guide to the graduation ceremony.

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